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GRC MISSION C228C JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the ELINT requirement for coverage of Chinese Communist SA-2 (modified) systems, in order to better determine the actual threat to the U-2 and the capabilities of these SA-2 systems of Chinese Communist origin and their tactics against ECM. mission will also meet the ELINT requirements for other The 303 Committee ChiCom air defense electronic systems. has approved two ELINT missions of this type for the month 25X1C This mission aircraft of November 1968. will remain 20 n.m. off the Communist China Mainland.

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE

: 1535 NM

TIME

: 4+15

T/O FUEL

: 1020 GALS

HI CONE

: 205 GALS

PROF ILE

: MAX ALT

TAKE OFF TIME

0130Z 14 November 1968

2030 13 November 1968, Wash., D.C. Time

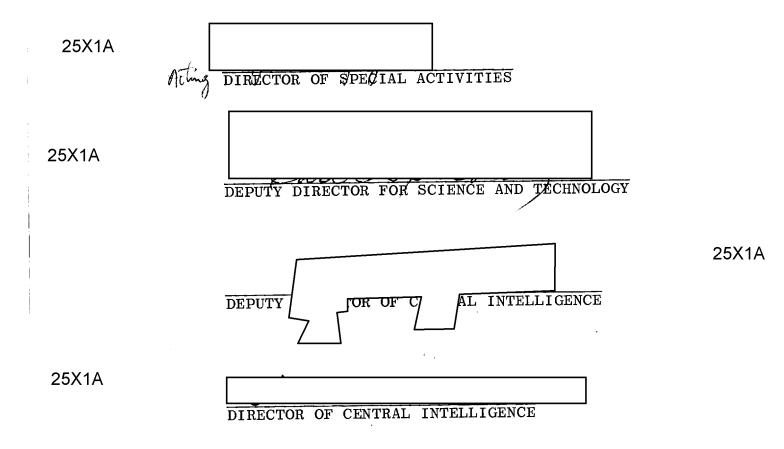
VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

No confirmed operational surface-to-air missile sites are known to be within lethal range of the flight path. The nearest known SAM site is approximately 55 NM from the projected route of the aircraft. The mission aircraft will come within range of the seven MIG-21s located at Wuhu Airfield. Past experience indicates that it is highly unlikely the MIG-21s would attempt an intercept 20 NM off the coast.

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This IDEALIST mission as planned herein is approved.



COORDINATION MESSAGES

- 1. Request for NPIC to search track for SAM sites. (1)
- 2. NPIC's report of the search of latest photographs available along the mission route for SAM sites. (2)

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- 5. Mission details coordinated with JRC/JCS. (5)
- 6. Intelligence summary of AOB, ROB, and SAM OB in the area of the mission. (6)

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